

# Hoodland to get \$125,000 fire engine soon

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A new fire engine for the Hoodland Rural Fire Department is scheduled to arrive about the first of April, and it is expected to be an important contribution towards fire protection of the Mt. Hood area.

Fire Chief Don Armintrout said the new engine cost \$125,000 and was purchased with funds allotted by the tax base, passed by voters in 1980.

The engine has a 1,000-gallon water tank and the capacity to pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute.

The engine, a "Pierce Arrow," built by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wis., "was actually designed specifically for this area," Armintrout said.

He said that members of the department had specified what they needed in a fire vehicle.

The engine is a diesel

with an Allison automatic transmission.

Armintrout said that the diesel engine will save the department money. A diesel pump was installed on the grounds of the station last summer.

Armintrout said the engine's automatic transmission would allow more firefighting personnel to be trained to drive it. The two new "Roadrunner" tankers, which were purchased last year and have 13 different speeds, are more difficult to drive than this vehicle will be.

Armintrout said that because of the vehicle's weight, which is estimated to be about 20 tons, there will still be training classes for those who will be expected to drive it.

Instruction will be provided by persons within the department.

At the conclusion of the training, road tests will be given prior to certifying the drivers.

Armintrout said that he and a volunteer will drive the "Pierce Arrow" from Wisconsin to Hoodland.

The 2,000-mile trip will allow them a chance to check the vehicle for problems.

Once the vehicle arrives in Hoodland, Armintrout said it'll be another month or two before they put it into service. The engine and equipment will need to be checked out and certified for firefighting.

He said an additional \$12-15,000 worth of equipment, which has already been purchased, will be added to the vehicle.

Last year the department purchased two 3,000-gallon diesel tankers.

They are equipped with front pumpers and were purchased from Starline Equipment Manufacturers of Boise, Idaho.

One is housed at the main station and the other is at the Brightwood station.

## Brownie cookie sales going well

The three Brownie troops serving the Mt. Hood area conducted a two-week "pre-sale" of cookies with excellent results, according to Andrea Cabral, one of the drive chairpersons.

The three Brownie troops sold a total of 1,163 boxes, or 100 cases. Buyers of the cookies have a choice of seven different selections.

Dawn Morrison and Marilyn Giuntini's troop 981, which is comprised of second grade girls, sold the most cookies. They sold 51 cases, which represents 612 boxes of cookies.

Giuntini said 14 out of the

troop's 17 girls sold over 24 boxes of cookies to earn a "Cookie Badge."

The badge features a picture of a beaver and has the year 1982 inscribed along with "Cookies For U."

Winners of the badge for Troop 981 are Anisha Allison, Stacy Cabral, Lindsey Draper, Heather Giuntini, Anna Hutchinson, Ann Meeker, Elsa Meiser, Angela Morris, Elicabeth Morrison, Dulcinea Newcomb, Angela Peixota, Anna Piedlow, Christy Walters and Leslie Wolf.

Seven girls sold over 40 boxes each. Dulcinea

Newcomb was the troop's top seller at 52 boxes.

The troop will earn 25 cents for every box they sell. Their efforts earned them \$150, which will go toward such things as camping and horseback riding.

Bobbie Moore's Brownie Troop 85, which is comprised of 10 first grade girls, sold 26 cases, or 273 boxes. Cookie badge winners are Kristin Elliott, Melissa Estes, Heidi Ferguson, Lexy Gruetzmacher and Jennifer Moore.

The troop's top seller, as well as the top seller of the other two troops, was

Shaundy Hubert. Shaundy sold 76 boxes of cookies.

Moore said that the troop has not yet decided how to spend the \$68.25 earned by the sale.

Pam Ashland's Brownie Troop 764 sold 23 cases, or 278 boxes.

Out of the troop's 12-member third grade girls, four won their cookie badges. They are Virginia Dyo, Jennifer Switzer, Sarah Fox and Nikki Lynch.

The troop's top seller was Jennifer Switzer, who sold 67 boxes.



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